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Honorable Members of the Housing Committee,

I am Bob DeCosmo, president of the CTPOA representing the owners of approximately 16,000 rental units here in Connecticut. Today I wish to state that our organization;

**SUPPORTS PB # 5356; AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELOCATION OF DISPLACED TENANTS.**

This matter has been brought to our attention that some tenants have been relocated from their dwelling unit as a result of their own reckless or intentional actions and have been placed in temporary housing where the housing provider is charged with the costs associated with the relocation in a timeframe that extends well past the month where the relocation occurred.

It is our belief that housing providers and our cities should not be responsible for any relocation costs where the tenant, occupant, friend or relative thereof was the cause for the relocation by any willful, reckless or negligent act to begin with.

Additionally a time limit must be implemented and not extend past the month when the relocation occurred so the stay is not endless. Finally, tenants must be able to provide proof that they actually resided in a building or dwelling to receive relocation benefits. We have heard of instances that tenants received relocation but where in fact not residents of the property requiring relocation and those costs became the responsibility of that housing provider.

We thank you for your consideration of our position and please feel free to contact me for further clarification or comments on this and any other rental housing matter.

Sincerely,

Bob DeCosmo  
President, CTPOA Inc.